

RE-CYCLIST



Matt Binter | Collegian

Tom Weis, 48-year-old Boulder, Colo., resident, bikes through campus south of Anderson Hall on Wednesday afternoon on his journey from Boulder to Washington, D.C. Weis is campaigning for 100 percent renewable energy in America by 2020. To electronically sign his petition, visit rideforrenewables.com.

Activist pedals for green revolution

Biker to travel from Colorado to D.C., hopes to gain petition signatures

Pauline Kennedy
campus editor

Tom Weis has traveled 600 miles across country roads and main streets spreading a message — one of a green, industrial revolution. Weis, president of Climate Crisis Solutions, conservationist and activist, is biking from Boulder, Colo., to Washington, D.C., hoping to gain support and petition signatures to bring to the capitol. "It's time to get off of fossil fuels and nuclear power. We don't need that stuff, we don't need energies of the past," Weis said. Weis, who graduated from the University of Colorado at Boulder with a degree

in energy conservation, said he believes it is possible for America to become a country with a 100 percent renewable electricity grid by the year 2020. He said the U.S. has the technology to do so, but needs support from the federal government. "We can do it," he said. "If we had the political will, we could do it." Weis is riding a Go-One, an enclosed tricycle, for his cross-country journey. The human-powered vehicle, made in Germany, has attached solar panels, used to power headlights, backlights and turn signals. Weis also uses solar energy to power his phone on the journey. It has an electric assist motor with a battery mount for assistance in pedaling up steep hills. Weis said his Go-One cost about as much as "a nice used car." He said it is expensive, and if the U.S. invested

in making them, they would be far cheaper. In the petition, Weis calls for action from the president and Congress. The petition includes a call to shift tax breaks and subsidies to energy efficient and clean renewable resources. It also calls for a guarantee for coal miners and Iraq and Afghanistan veterans to receive re-training and re-employment in safe jobs in the green sector. "Whoever signs it, I will carry their voice with me; I'm going to take it to the White House and the leaders in Congress," he said. In the past Weis worked in Washington D.C. as a congressional aide, as well as on a presidential campaign as a field director. He said he is fully aware of how things are done in the nation's capital. "I know what's going on and what's going on is we've got powerful money and spe-

cial interests that are driving this country into the ground by blocking a green, industrial revolution," he said. Weis launched his journey across America on Sept. 12, the anniversary of President John F. Kennedy's 1948 speech at Rice University. In this speech, Kennedy called for an American effort to reach the moon, a feat that seemed far-fetched at the time. "What I'm calling for is a modern day, green energy moonshot for America," he said. Weis said as he has pedaled through towns across Kansas, he has found nothing but support for his mission and sees what everyday Americans want for their country. "I can tell you, I pedal down these little towns in

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Thursday football traffic to affect local schools

Fans should slow down, watch for children walking, riding bikes

Missy Calvert
metro editor

With more than 50,000 people expected to attend to-night's game, Manhattan's swelling traffic could affect the safety of children walking home after school. "Usually when games are on Saturday, we don't have school and we don't have to worry about this," said Michele Jones, communications coordinator for Manhattan-Ogden USD 383. Jones said the school district is stressing safety to the community and has cautioned K-State and Nebraska fans alike to be careful while driving. "We want to encourage

people to be safe and make sure they are watching out for kids," she said. Schools are released between 3 p.m. and 4 p.m., which is prime time for tailgating and game traffic. Many kids walk or ride their bikes to and from school, Jones said, and drivers should be alert, especially near the schools on Kimball Avenue and the preschool by Bill Snyder Family Stadium. The district has been communicating with parents, informing them that buses may be running behind schedule due to the increased traffic. Parents should also talk to their children if they are going to be walking home, Jones said. "Make sure they are aware there is going to be more traffic around," she said. During dismissal time, a Riley County Police officer will be directing traffic at the corner of Browning and Kimball.

Health care age extended

Young adults able to stay on parents' plan until age 26

Sam Diederich
staff writer

The winds of change are a-blowin', and K-State students and their college compatriots can expect to feel the breeze. After months of argumentation and amendments, new health care laws were put into effect on Sept. 23, marking the beginning of an eight-year process designed to eventually provide affordable care to all American citizens. The final version of the health care reforms was signed into law on March 30 as the Affordable Care Act. According to the Affordable Care Act and the website healthcare.gov, the first stage of implementation includes the opportunity for young adults to remain on their parents' health care plan until their 26th birthday. Under previous regulations, health care insurance companies could remove children from their parents' coverage at the age of nineteen, although an exception was often given to full-time students. The new

law does not require young adults to be full-time students in order to remain on their parents' plan. Jessie Dowell, junior in apparel and textiles, said she believes the new extension will be helpful, especially during the first few years of life after college graduation. "I really think I will take advantage of that," Dowell said. "Because the economy is so bad, I may not get a job right out of college, so I may not be able to pay for things like health care." Some individuals can also receive cancer screenings, flu and pneumonia shots and vaccinations against diseases such as measles and meningitis without paying a deductible or co-insurance fee. This is another reform Dowell plans to utilize if she qualifies for the coverage. "Since cancer runs in my family, I definitely will want to take advantage of free cancer screenings," Dowell said. "In my family there is a history of cancer, and it's one of those things that, if I can get it done

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U.S. Secretary of Education: students, parents want affordable schooling

MTV supports competition to improve financial aid

Austin Enns
staff writer

U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan recently took part in a phone interview with students from across the nation in an effort to promote MTV's new "Get Schooled College Affordability Challenge," a competition that asks students to come up with ideas to make the financial aid process less confusing. While the point of the interview was to promote the new program, most of the students who took part in the interview asked questions relating to public policy on education. "We are seeing horrendous cuts in aid; we want to put resources in and encourage states to invest," Duncan said. "Taxpayers are willing to spend for prisons, but every dollar in education is challenged." Duncan spoke about how the Federal Pell Grant Program has increased in size and number of scholarships, how

President Obama set a goal to help the U.S. have the most college graduates by 2010, shortening the Free Application for Federal Student Aid and finally about new laws that pay off the remaining college debt of people who have been in public service for 10 years. Overall, Duncan was positive about his department's accomplishments and the steps universities are taking to prevent the cost of a college education from getting to outrageous levels. "Students and parents are very smart folks; they want a good education, but they want to be able to afford it," Duncan said. "People are going to go to universities that are freezing costs or that are no-frills universities." The university attendance levels of first-generation Americans was a particular point of emphasis for the secretary, and he said the Department of Education shortened the FAFSA form and made it easier to understand, in part, to reach out to these students. Dan Kohl, assistant director for the office of student

financial assistance, said the process of simplifying the FAFSA form has to balance ease with accurate information. While the Education Department is trying to help as many students as possible, they are also trying to be responsible with taxpayers' money. Kohl said that even with the changes to the form, the number of people filling out FAFSA forms has remained fairly steady. "Over the years at K-State, typically the number of students that have some form of financial aid is 70 to 75 percent of the entire population," Kohl said. "That's about the same amount filling out a FAFSA, and that's the same year after year after year. We did process a few more FAFSAs this year then in the past." Students' access to college is a big concern for policy makers, but completing college is another problem area that financial aid affects. Gaston Caperton, president of the College Board, an organization that assists students in

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Author discusses advertising's effect on America's future

Anderson: consumerism has negative effects

staff reports

Young adult novelist M.T. Anderson visited K-State Wednesday to discuss his book, "Feed." Most of Anderson's commentary touched on the consumer culture of America; particularly in the area of advertising. "The average American child spends 1,500 hours per year in front of the television and about 900 hours per year in school," Anderson said. During their time in front of the television, children are exposed to products being advertised. "Commercials draw on things we want in order to sell us things we may not want," Anderson said. As a result of the hours children and teenagers spend watching television, Anderson said a lot of advertising is geared specifically to appeal to young people. "Teenagers tend to stick together in a particular group,"



Jennifer Heeke | Collegian

Jennifer Adams, Manhattan resident, buys a book from Claf-lin Books before M.T. Anderson's speech in Forum Hall in the K-State Student Union on Wednesday afternoon. Anderson signed books bought from the table after the speech.

Anderson said. Anderson said this is an advertising avenue companies use intentionally, because when one teenager becomes interested in a product, the trend tends to spread to the entire group. Anderson addressed the impact all of the advertising potentially has on the future of America. "Our dreams and goals are

also being influenced by these images," Anderson said in reference to the images relayed by advertising. "A lot of this blinds us to the reality of production." In addition to persuading individuals to buy a specific product, he said advertising also hides the negative side of product production.

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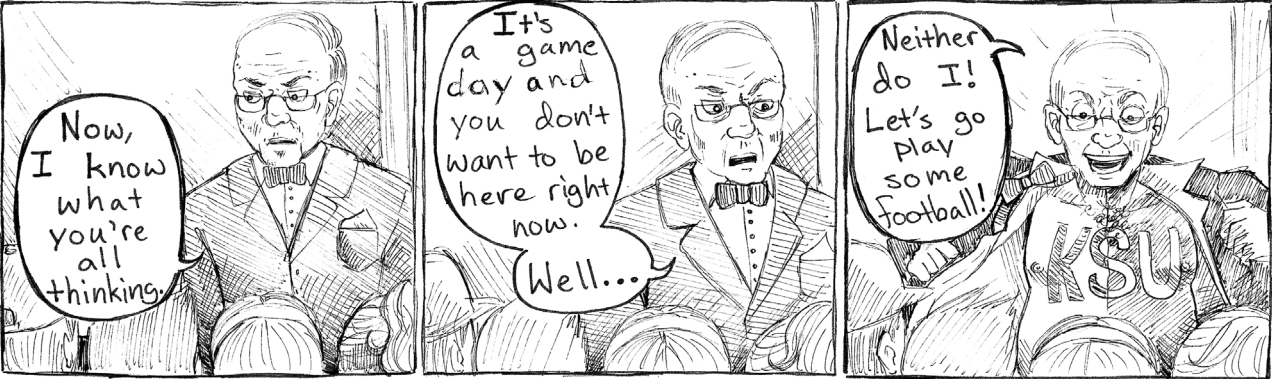
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Logan's Run | By Erin Logan



POLICE REPORTS

Tiara Williams
staff reporter

Man's bond set at \$15K

Police arrested a man from Overland Park, Kan., on a warrant from Riley County District Court, according to a report from the Riley County Police Department.

Davanon Felder Sr., 38, was booked at 4 p.m. Tuesday on a charge of failure to appear, according to the report.

Capt. Kurt Moldrup of the RCPD said Felder did not show up to court Aug. 10 for original charges of aggravated battery.

Felder was still confined as of Monday morning, Moldrup said.

Felder's bond was set at \$15,000.

Police arrest local woman

Police arrested a local woman on a warrant from Riley County District Court, according to another RCPD report.

Jamie Iacobellis, 20, of the 300 block of Thurston Street, did not show up in court on Sept. 27 for original charges of domestic battery, according to the report.

Moldrup said Iacobellis

was booked at 9:10 p.m. Tuesday on a charge of failure to appear.

Bond was set at \$5,000.

Man fails to appear in court

Police arrested a local man on a warrant from Geary County District Court, according to an RCPD report.

Lonnie Wright IV, 26, of the 400 block of Laramie Street, was booked on a charge of failure to appear.

He did not show up in court Aug. 16, for unknown original charges, Moldrup said.

Bond was set at \$5,000.

COPS BLOTTER ARREST REPORTS

TUESDAY

Jack Eric Boyer, of Kingman, Kan., was booked for sale with the intent to sell or deliver, use of a communication facility for sale or purchase of drugs, possession of opiates, opium or narcotics, possession of drug paraphernalia and purchase or consumption of alcoholic liquor by a minor. Bond was set at \$4,000.

Davanon Ray Felder Sr., of Overland Park, Kan., was booked for failure to appear. Bond was set at \$15,000.

Jamie Nickole Iacobellis, of the 300 block of Thurston Street, was booked for failure to appear. Bond was set at \$5,000.

Samantha Lynn Maben, of Ogden, was booked for battery. Bond was set at \$500.

Jonathan Alan Mckittrick, of Council Grove, Kan., was booked for failure to appear. Bond was set at \$1,000.

Dallas Michael Eugene Pasley, of Topeka, was booked for failure to appear. Bond was set at \$3,000.

Lonnie Lum Wright IV, of the 400 block of Laramie Street, was booked for failure to appear. Bond was set at \$5,000.

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Student teaches Ghana orphans



Erin White, junior in family studies and social justice, displayed images of children from the orphanage she taught at in Ghana in the Hemisphere room of Hale Library Wednesday afternoon.

K-Stater works to stop use of children as soldiers

Devan Lowe
junior staff writer

For many students, the opportunity to volunteer is seen as a positive way to spruce up a resume while helping those in need. However, for Erin White, junior in family studies and social justice, the opportunity to take a trip to Ghana, Africa, was much more important than that.

White received the Marjorie J. and Richard L. D. Morse Family and Community Public Policy Scholarship for 2010 from K-State Libraries. She used the scholarship to work for a cause that she has been an advocate of since her freshman year at K-State, Invisible Children, which is a movement seeking to end the conflict in Uganda and to stop the abduction of children for use as child soldiers.

In the Hemisphere Room at Hale Library on Wednesday, White presented a slide show as well as many stories about her “seven transformational weeks in Ghana.”

In her presentation, White demonstrated her desire for changes for those in poverty through her personal narra-

tives and descriptions of the many people she worked with on her trip, as well as her accomplishments.

Erin’s mother, Michelle White said the cause was something her daughter has always been very passionate about.

“We had our normal parental nerves for her safety and being so far away,” Michelle said. “But we were very proud of her that she was choosing to spend her summer serving others like that.”

Michelle used the words “individual” and “delightful” to describe her daughter.

White said her main goal going into her trip was essentially to work to change the future by empowering the youth of Ghana. For this reason, White worked closely with an orphanage in the area and spent her days teaching whatever lesson was thrown her way at a nearby school.

From her experiences in both the school and orphanage settings, White recalled a young girl with autism who was in many ways neglected at school instead of being allowed to participate with the class, children who had been rescued after being sold into trafficking, many times by their own parents, and the use of physical punishment by teachers and the headmaster.

“I know it is impossible for me to go over there and change everything, but one person can go over there and change themselves,” said White about the valuable experience that she gained by witnessing even the most difficult moments of her trip.

Of her favorite times spent in Ghana, White remembered watching every game of the World Cup, teaching and learning dances and songs, and simply spending time with the children.

Candice Hironaka, senior associate director for the School of Leadership Studies, said White is a student with a “desire to give of herself in service to others” and “the courage to step outside her comfort zone.”

“Erin’s work with Invisible Children and traveling to serve in Africa have all impacted the person that she is,” said Hironaka, who said she considers community involvement as a way to stretch the hearts and minds of those who participate. “She embraces life and people and knows that change first begins within.”

White said she saw her opportunity as a way for her to help the lives of others.

“We’re all connected in this world,” she said. “I have responsibilities to help every person.”

Food, wine event raises money for health service foundation

Daniel Stewart
junior staff writer

Community, charity and K-State students brought droves of people to downtown Manhattan at Fourth Street and Poyntz Avenue for the sixth annual Promenade on Poyntz. A charity fundraiser for the Homecare & Hospice Foundation, this wine and food event sold all 250 tickets again this year.

This organization offers its services free to anyone and everyone. Fundraisers such as the Promenade on Poyntz, one of three fundraisers the Foundation holds each year, keep the Foundation’s vision and goals possible.

Chris Nolte, director of development for Homecare & Hospice, said he was excited about the event reaching its sixth year. Promenade means to take a stroll or to court, and Nolte said this is what made the name of the fundraiser so fitting.

“People check in, grab their wine glasses and tasting tickets,” Nolte said. “Then they have a chance to stroll up and down downtown Manhattan, having a night out and enjoying lots of wine and food.”

Nolte said the generous sponsors and the involvement of local businesses made the night special. BHS Construction and Trust Company in Manhattan prepared the wine glasses. Thomas Sign Co. supplied the water bottles and Tom and Shannon Shields sponsored the tickets. Each shop or restaurant participating donated space inside its store for the ticket holders to try samples of different foods from their business and a choice between two different wines.

Steve’s Floral, J&C Imaging, Emerald City Market, Strecker-Nelson Gallery, Harry’s/Howdy’s, Syndicate Tattoo, GAIA Salon, G. Thomas Jewelers, The Chef Cafe and Manhattan Medical Supply each had their own combinations.

Some combinations were the citrus barbecue chicken skewers wrapped with bacon

and served with Gnarly Head Chardonnay from Harry’s/Howdy’s and the crab cakes with cilantro yogurt and Hess Select Lake County Sauvignon Blanc from The Chef Cafe. However, every restaurant had hoards of people in each shop trying new wine and food while jazz music filtered through the streets.

K-State students also helped with the fundraiser. Pat Pesci, director of the hotel and restaurant management program, has participated in the fundraiser for all six years, giving his students extra credit for serving as greeters and wine pourers.

“I got involved because I knew people in the Standard Beverage Corporation,” Pesci said. “Those are the people who supply this event with wine. They have four events, one in Wichita, one in Kansas City, one in Lawrence and one in Manhattan. The Manhattan event goes to Homecare & Hospice and the whole idea is to promote good will, get the community out and pair good wine and food together.”

Pesci said the students who help with the event range from freshmen to seniors. The freshmen and sophomores come in as door greeters and the juniors and seniors pour the wine.

“It’s a fun event,” Pesci said. “Students enjoy it. Students who are interested in beer and wine sales can learn about the product and become more knowledgeable by participating in this.”

Pesci suggested the root beer-braised Duroc pork belly, which was being served at the Strecker-Nelson Gallery. Pesci said it came from livestock raised and grown in the area and helped to give Manhattan its own “food identity.” He said Manhattan already had its “drink identity” with all of the wheat beers.

Pesci’s students said they identified with the Manhattan locals as they ushered, greeted and poured for them.

“I’m having a good time and it’s not hard to make it fun,” said Maria Espinoza,

junior in hotel and restaurant management. “It’s good experience and different businesses are doing different things too.”

Other students poured if they were of age.

“I pour the wine and everyone comes around and enjoys,” said Devon Wesley, junior in hotel and restaurant management. “This is a good way to work with others and become acquainted with the community.”

The community and local businesses support the charity by bringing people to downtown Manhattan.

Andrea Grier, who owns Harry’s/Howdy’s along with her husband Evan, said Homecare & Hospice makes it easy because they provide wine and serving items. This was the first year they participated in the event, but she said it will be something she does every year now.

“I enjoy it,” Grier said. “It’s good to see guests tasting the different foods and enjoying themselves. Customers get to try so many things all over the place which makes it fun. One of the foods we have out is our bruschetti which is our most popular appetizer.”

Grier said the relationships they have made with the people behind the scenes make the event that much easier and fun.

The event attracted locals and people from out of town alike.

Chris Sillin, Hutchinson resident, came to the event after her friends said this would be an event she would come to every year.

“I love wine,” Sillin said. “I am just enjoying all of these tiny taste tests and all the different food. It’s very festive and a perfect evening.”

Dorothy Farrand, a Manhattan resident originally from South Africa, heard about Promenade on Poyntz through friends who were strong supporters of the cause.

“The selection of wines is amazing,” Farrand said. “I thought South Africa had a good selection, but (this) is just great.”

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STREET TALK


What traits attract you to others and why?

"A friendly smile because it's a good first impression."



Kate Harland
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"Intelligence — it's important in pretty much every area of life."



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"Sense of humor — I always appreciate it and it brightens the day."



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"A smile — it shows they are open to being a friend."



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"In girls, their dressing sense and for boys, how they watch you."



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To learn more about what attracts people to one another, check out today's Edge page.

FLUNKING OUT

Higher pay would reform educational system



David Rose

The educational system in America needs reform. To many who have gone through the system, that statement seems obvious. How can the students of America's classrooms have any hope of succeeding in the future with a school system so intent on making them fail?

There has been much talk recently about reforming the school system, and much of the blame for our failing schools has been placed on the teachers. These men and women are charged with educating our children; if our children are failing, then the teachers must be too. Right?

Even reputable sources have taken on teachers and their unions as the cause of our failing school systems. The Economist stated in a Sept. 30 article, "the fact is that the teachers' unions are the primary obstacle to reform." Many who blame teachers would like to see teachers' pay based on performance.

But performance-based pay for educators can be a bad idea because the only way to objectively grade teachers is through standardized tests. Those tests are very easy to cheat on, especially for the teachers administering them. A few changed answers here and a few more there, and voila: you have yourself a great teacher.

I contend that we should simply raise all teachers' pay. Eventually, more people will line up to be teachers, and the schools can choose from the best and most qualified among them. This is known as "efficiency wage theory" among economics lovers. Fur-

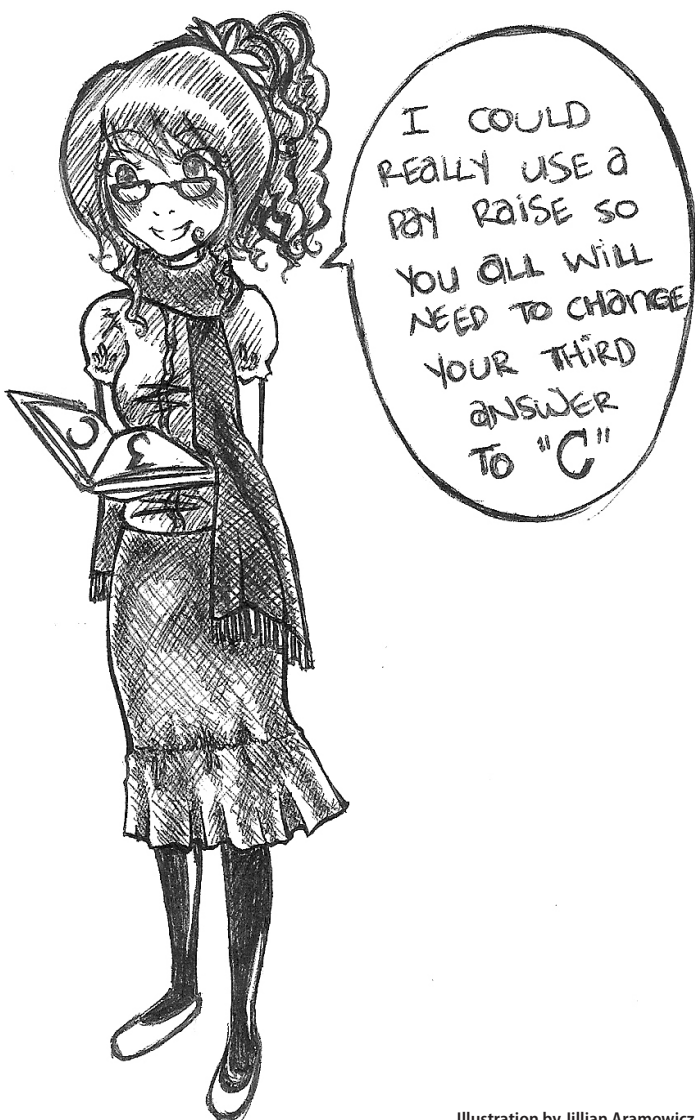


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thermore, school funding must be moved away from property taxes. Under the current system, rich neighborhoods get rich schools while poor neighborhoods get schools with next to nothing.

Others have claimed that charter and private schools are the way to go. They often claim that we need to give students and their

families vouchers to move from public to private schools.

This despite the fact that studies prove such voucher schemes do not work. Take, for example, a study cited in a Feb. 27, 2009, New York Times article by Sam Dillon: "Department of Education researchers concluded that there were no significant differ-

ences between the test scores of students who received a voucher and those who applied but, not receiving one, attended public schools instead."

Moreover, the assumption behind the voucher scheme is that competition can make the system better. Competition, however, means by necessity there will be winners and losers. Those losers will be the ones losing out now, the ones for whom a few thousand dollars won't buy their way into a fancy private school or a better, brighter future.

In my opinion, the biggest problem with our educational system is the reliance on standardized tests. There is no such thing as a standard student, just as there is no such thing as a standard person or a standard worker. Standardized tests have a place in the educational system, but that place is neither in determining funding nor in designing curricula.

I consider myself a fairly intelligent person, but I'll be the first to admit I am terrible at standardized tests. Many others are too. I know more than a few individuals with test scores that reflect nothing of their work ethic or innate intelligence.

To truly reform our educational system we must — and I do mean must — move away from standardized tests and toward a more holistic approach that truly prepares our children for the future.

If there is one thing our system does well, it is that it teaches its students how to think and not merely what to think. In that way, we have one of the best educational systems in the world. The problem we face in reforming it lies not only in what is wrong with the system, but how we can fix it.

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Michael Vick's comeback good example of redemption



Jillian Aramowicz

When it comes to melodrama in the media, American culture loves two things: a hero falling from grace and a lost soul making a dramatic comeback. Unfortunately, the two can very rarely coincide without tempers and rumors flaring from the depths our scandal-hungry attention span.

However, I find one particular fallen hero has managed to make a sincere comeback into the limelight. Not only is this man talented and currently one of the most valuable players in the NFL, but I honestly believe his story and perseverance has rivaled other athletes. In essence, I forgive you, Michael Vick, and I think it's about time the rest of America should, too.

Here we have a classic story of a good guy the media loves swiftly finding himself under public scrutiny for making some poor choices. In 2007, Michael Vick, then an Atlanta Falcons quarterback, was accused of being involved in an underground, dog-fighting ring, where he was purportedly using most of the winnings for gambling purposes.

Suddenly, the highest-paid player in the NFL, the man with the third-most rushing yards by an NFL quarterback and endorsements from everything from Nike to Kraft Foods, became one of

the most unlikeable figures in popular culture. People who didn't even know who Michael Vick was didn't like Michael Vick.

When the NFL suspended Vick indefinitely without pay in August 2007, commissioner Roger Goodell said Michael Vick's behavior was "not only illegal, but also cruel and reprehensible." Thus began a long journey that looked like it would not have a happy ending for the football star.

Vick fell hard. He spent 19 months in prison, and in the process filed for bankruptcy due to prior financial issues, according to a July 8, 2008, *bloomberg.com* article by Dawn McCarty and Aaron Kuriloff.

In addition, Michael Vick had to settle with his team for using his \$37 million signing bonus to help fund his dogfighting ring, which was announced in a 2007 press conference with Atlanta Falcons owner Arthur Blank. It seemed as though Michael Vick destroyed his career, his reputation and his finances all in one blow. So why would anyone ever look up to him again?

Here is where I say something shocking: I think Michael Vick is a good role model. Yes, that's right. I don't agree with what he did; I don't condone cruelty to animals, I don't support the squandering of money and I think he was justifiably punished. However, I think Michael Vick himself agrees with that, too.

After renouncing his dogfighting habits, Vick went on to become an animal rights activist. I know what everyone is thinking: he did it to repair his image. Duh. I realize that was first and



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foremost a public relations move, but in the process, Michael Vick did what few other athletes under harsh criticism can do. He resurrected his career and his image without any gimmicks. He repeatedly acknowledged that he messed up, but he wasn't going to give up. That, to me, shows character.

People aren't perfect. Whenever athletes try to gloss over their mistakes in a hurry, a la Tiger Woods, it always comes off as disingenuous and forced; but I believe Michael Vick. He came out of prison with nothing and jumped back into the game, both literally and metaphorically, with a self-effacing, yet positive attitude.

It seems to me that many people still feel that Michael Vick shouldn't be playing or receiving positive attention. I think this is ridiculous because Vick is not the only athlete ever to have a run-in with the law in recent years.

Why isn't the rest of the world concerned that Pittsburgh Steelers quarterback Ben Roethlisberger narrowly escaped his second sexual assault charge on an 18-year-old college student? According to columnist Larry Brown in an April 15 article on *larrybrownsports.com*, the investigation of Roethlisberger seemed a little shady from the start, considering the police officer at the scene first wanted to take a picture with

Ben Roethlisberger, which, of course, quickly leaked onto the Internet.

Call me a hopeless optimist, but among the sad stories of celebrity drug, sex and violence, I find the Michael Vick comeback to be genuine and worth cheering for. It's not just his ability to pick up his team after Kevin Kolb went down or his 250 yards passing per game after only three games. It's the way he handled himself in the face of self-inflicted adversity that gives me a positive outlook for the world of professional sports.

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SOONER SWEEP

Inconsistency, low momentum hinder Wildcats

Sam Nearhood
staff writer

With narrow numbers to close out each game, the University of Oklahoma barely squeaked out its sweep Wednesday over the K-State volleyball team, tarnishing the almost-unblemished home record of Ahearn Field House.

Oklahoma (12-5, 4-2 Big 12 Conference) dropped K-State (9-8, 3-3 Big 12) in three games, with scores of 25-22, 25-23 and 25-21, which sophomore opposite hitter Kathleen Ludwig said was due to irregular team play.

"We just needed to come out with a little bit more fight and get things together when things weren't going our way," Ludwig said. "I think we were struggling to just play how we play and be who we are."

As a team, K-State hit a .183 hitting percentage. There were certainly some highlights, like that of freshman middle block Kaitlynn Pelger — the player of the match — who pulled a whopping .571 behind her 14 kills. Three players each recorded a few blocks to pair with the back row on the defensive effort, but Oklahoma managed to overcome them, and K-State head coach Suzie Fritz commended her opponent.

"They're good," she said. "We didn't give them our best."

She added that Oklahoma was "very frustrating" and "very unassuming" due to its ability to stop K-State from getting into a rhythm.

The match started with an even trade-off of points for the first rotation, which the Sooners ended by nabbing five points to pull ahead, 11-8. The Wildcats brought the game a bit closer with some runs of their own, but Oklahoma shut it down 25-22, despite one last jab from K-State.

As coach Fritz predicted before the match, Oklahoma was able to dig balls at awkward angles and save hits that others would have left for dead. In the numbers, the Sooners had only one more dig than K-State, but the former performed better in picking up blocks that had gone awry and bad passes from its players. K-State relied more on its offense than its defense, with many big hits coming through early in the rallies.

Freshman defensive specialist Natalia Dobrosz saw more action than usual, and Ludwig acted as an anchor between the two games, hitting five kills and a .300 in the first and three more kills in the second with few errors to improve her hitting percentage.

"I was just thinking about swinging away, and I know that Oklahoma is a great defensive team, so I was trying to do my best to get some kills," Ludwig said. "Got some really nice sets from (Caitlyn) Donahue."

In the second game, K-State held a raw lead at one over for a short time, but Oklahoma took it back with a four-point run. Late in the game, a battle over ties ensued, with each pulling ahead by one and shaving off the



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Senior libero **Lauren Mathewson** digs the ball during the second set of the volleyball game last night against Oklahoma University in Ahearn Field House. The cats lost to OU in three sets.

other multiple times, but the Sooners finally capped off three points to win again, 25-23.

K-State improved on tip coverage this game, an area which had been lacking in previous matches. When the Sooners would try to float the ball right over the block, a player would come from down below to pop the ball back up and keep the play alive.

Pelger had seven kills and a .545 hitting percentage.

Up by one for nearly the entire game in the third, Oklahoma recorded two consecutive service aces to move within four of ending the match, 21-17. K-State then grabbed an ace of its own at the hands of sophomore setter Donahue, but Oklahoma kept the pressure to finish the

match 25-21.

Ludwig said her team tried hard to pull it together and move up, but it did not work out for them.

"We were just trying to keep our heads up, keep fighting, keep going through it," Ludwig said. "Unfortunately, it didn't go the way we wanted it to, but we were in it with them for quite a bit."

Offensive lineman solid force on team

Ashley Dunkak
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Had circumstances worked out differently, hockey star Sidney Crosby could have some major competition right now. Fortunately for him, Wade Weibert decided to play football.

"The thing is, when I was in elementary school, I was convinced I was going to be the first kid from Kansas to go to the NHL," said Weibert, an offensive lineman. "I always thought I'd be a great hockey player, and so I spent many hours on my driveway playing roller hockey. I didn't decide until probably third grade that I wanted to play football, so that's where I kind of hung up the roller blades and started playing football."

The senior center has always been big and tall. When he was born in the northwest corner of Kansas, the running joke was that then-Nebraska coach Tom Osborne was coming to start recruiting him.

While he and his siblings dabbled in different sports throughout junior high and high school, his family was never athletically oriented, Weibert said.

"The nice thing was that, growing up, sports were never necessarily stressed, like 'You have to do well,'" Weibert said. "After games I didn't play well, my parents didn't care. They were just proud of me for trying, being out there, things like that. If I was excited about something, they were excited, so that was nice. There was never that pressure that if I didn't play well, 'Oh, no, I've got to go home, Ron's going to drill me in the backyard' and stuff like that. Nothing ever was like that. They wanted me just to be happy, and that's still the way it is."

Weibert said through the ups and downs of college, his family has 100 percent been there, proud of him in moments when he was not proud at all. His mom especially always tries to find the positives, he said.

"She's always been in my corner big-time," Weibert said.

His mom and stepfather have been married since Weibert was 2 years old, he said. He was 3 or 4 years old when his stepfather first took him hunting.

"I only shot a BB gun when I was little, but as far as my first shotgun, I was probably 5 or 6 when he helped me hold it and shoot it," Weibert said.

Shooting targets and hunting are pastimes the senior has always enjoyed since then, and he said when he is bored, the first thing he wants to do is go shoot something.

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October big month for volleyball team



Sam Nearhood

For the K-State volleyball team, October marks the biggest test yet of the team's true strength.

It started on a comparatively easy note with the Texas A&M match last weekend. K-State effortlessly trounced the Aggies in three games in a bold statement of its relative ability, but that was just the start of it.

This week, the Wildcats face Oklahoma and No. 11 Texas. Both are tied with K-State for second place in the Big 12 Conference, and both are sporting higher winning percentages. Oklahoma and Texas are perennially strong teams, but Texas, which finished second in the NCAA Tournament last year, has not lived up to everyone's expectations this year. However, both will undoubtedly present formidable challenges to K-State, and wins would speak volumes and votes from the American Volleyball Coaches Association.

The week after that is the crest of the figurative tsunami of approaching danger, with matches against Iowa State and Nebraska. Iowa State, ranked 10th in the nation and second in the conference, lost two seniors last year and returned three, not unlike K-State. However, the Cyclones have floored some big teams, like Kentucky,

Iowa and Oklahoma, which gives credence to their ranking. This does not mean, though, that they are unbeatable; Florida, Nebraska and Texas have all made light work of Iowa State, so K-State certainly has a chance to follow suit.

Finally, at the peak of the season comes Nebraska, which will show its face for the last time in Manhattan for a conference match.

Put frankly, the Cornhuskers are terrifying. They are third in the nation after losing only to No. 2 Florida, and since then have gone on a 13-win rampage through the nation and conference. No matter the strength of this team, though, no one can count K-State out just yet, as the Wildcats have yet to show what they are truly made of. If they can control their turbulent play and cut out the periodic bad spots, they will take Nebraska point for point in what will surely be the most exciting match of the season.

And that is only the first half of the month. In the second half, K-State faces Baylor and back-to-back repeats against Texas, Iowa State and Missouri. Because it will have had experience against the last three, those matches should go over more smoothly, but all three teams will still pose a challenge.

This month will most likely shake K-State to its core in furious action, but fans will be treated to some of the best matches of the season. This truly is a month you do not want to miss.

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Golfer discusses experience, season goals

Tyler Scott
staff writer

Curtis Yonke is a sophomore on the men's golf team. A native of Overland Park, Kan., he won the Kansas 6A State Championship in 2008 and 2009.

Q: What do you enjoy most about playing at K-State?

A: The friendship that our team has amongst one another. We all love hanging around one another, and we have a great time and enjoy going to practice, and it makes it a lot more fun.

Q: What would you say has been your best moment at K-State?

A: When I won the Missouri Intercollegiate last year as a freshman. The record for golfers is only two wins, so I'm only halfway there as a freshman, and it's a big deal for me.

Q: With you already having a year of experience and your success from last season, do you consider yourself a leader now?

A: I plan to be and I consider myself one. I haven't played like one yet because I have tried too hard to lead the team. I always hang out with the freshmen whenever we are playing golf, and I think they look up to me and know that I'm going to be around for a while, and if they need anything they know they can come to me for it.

Q: What are you looking to accomplish this season?

A: I want to make it into Regionals, whether it's with

the team or individually. I would like to get another win or couple. I'm just trying to improve and get ready for the next level.

Q: In high school you were named the Kansas City Star's All-Metro golfer of the year. How big of an honor was that for you?

A: It was cool because it's not just my coach voting for me; it's every coach in the area voting for me. When you stand out to that many coaches, they know the difficulty of the game. To be nominated as the best golfer in the metro area was a huge honor.

Q: How do you see this season playing out for the whole team?

A: I'm interested to see how it will pan out for us. We are really young as a team. Does that mean we can't compete or win? Not at all. Is it going to take some young guys stepping up and playing well for us? Yes. In our first tournament this season in Indiana, we had three freshmen and two sophomores that traveled with us. We're a really young team, and I know from my own experiences the transfer from high school to college golf is huge. It depends on the length of time for the freshmen to adjust to it. My hopes are that we steadily get better and more consistent, but time will tell.

Q: What would you say the difference is between coach Norris and any other coaches you have had?

A: Well, coach Norris is a



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Curtis Yonke, sophomore, putts in the second day of competition during the Jim Colbert Intercollegiate Golf Tournament on Sept. 28. Yonke scored a 21-over-par 237 for the tournament.

coach. High school coaches will send you off to your tournament and they will go play golf themselves. It's a whole different thing. Coach Norris is a golf coach. He played on the tour, he knows the game, and he knows about the insights. He can help you if you need it. High school coaches are almost the opposite; my

high school coach was a psychology teacher. He's the golf coach, but everyone knows him as the psychology teacher. He's just there to keep everyone in line and get you to your tournaments. As a coach of a high school team, he wasn't a coach that would give you advice, compared to coach Norris.

ATTRACTION

Physical attraction spurred by chemical, psychological factors

Kelsey Castanon
copy editor

while women put more emphasis on social status, said Gary Brase, associate professor of psychology. While Welch said women are often more attracted to men of average size rather than muscular men, Brase said men have a certain consistency in their attraction to women. For example, characteristics associated with youth, clean skin and facial symmetry are all consistent qualities that men tend to be attracted to.

The moment you meet someone of your liking, it is not unusual to feel an overwhelming draw toward that person. The spark, or shock wave, that streams through your body is caused by a little thing called attraction. The question of why certain people trigger such reactions remains a mystery, but researchers continue to study unanswered questions of attraction in hopes of deepening the understanding of the mysterious topic of romantic love.

The first thing to emphasize is the brain chemistry behind attraction. As it turns out, neurotransmitters play a crucial role when falling in "like."

"When two people are attracted to each other, the brain becomes flooded with a gush of neurotransmitters," said Kelly Welch, assistant professor of family studies and human science. "The neurotransmitter culprits are dopamine, which makes us feel good, norepinephrine, which causes pounding hearts and racing pulses, and pulseless electric activity, rumored to promote infatuation between lovers."

Though a throbbing heart and bodily sensations are sure indicators that chemical brain activity is occurring, there is much more to attraction. Physical appeal, as many would predict, is the groundwork for a romantic relationship.

There is always the initial attraction between two people, where men are more drawn to physical appearance,

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we, as humans, select mates similar to ourselves.

When people tend to date other people who are phenotypically alike, Brase said, that is called assortative mating. Meaning, people with certain characteristics are attracted to those specific qualities in others. For example, intelligent people are

more likely to date other intelligent people, and tall people might be drawn to people of a similar height.

Similarly, the "social exchange" theory centers on the different filters we use when it comes to partner selection,

such as narrowing the dating pool of eligible partner candidates to select someone who is most similar to us, Welch said.

"Through our filters, we consider such things as age, race and ethnicity, religious views, physical attraction, and whether we think that person will reciprocate our feelings. If we think our rewards outweigh our costs — what we have to offer — we select that particular mate."

While no theory confirms that every individual belongs to one of these "types," people around the world may be more predictable than we let ourselves believe.

"The Surma people of southwest Ethiopia engage in an annual courtship ritual where hundreds of men join together to fight for the available women. To woo a potential bride, the men engage in a mock display of violence. In African cultures, women pad their behinds to make their hips look as large and curvy as possible," Welch said. "Evolutionists would argue that the world over, we all look for the same thing — reproductive promise and protector or provider cues."



Willie the Wildcat prepares to lead Bill Snyder Family Stadium in the K-S-U chant during the Sept. 4 game against UCLA.

Results may vary: Willie the Wildcat



Sara Gudde

Q: Is it wrong to be in love with Willie the Wildcat? He just looks so good in those uniforms ...

A: Is it wrong? Absolutely not! As a matter of fact, it is encouraged. We K-Staters unquestionably love K-State and K-State athletics. It naturally follows that we would be drawn to the man Wildcat who represents the school we know and love.

There is also strong tradition to support our love of our fearless mascot. Willie the Wildcat first appeared as K-State's mascot in 1947. Willie has undergone several makeovers since then. However, one thing about Willie has remained the same: his identity is still kept a secret. No one may know who Willie is, but one thing is certain. Willie the Wildcat is the K-State heartthrob.

It is impossible to resist the mystery and intrigue that surround him, not to mention he is the No. 1 fan of the Kansas State Wildcats. He never misses a game. He can also do about a gazillion push-ups. He supports the arts at K-State. He attends philanthropic events. He is super friendly, at least toward K-State supporters. He is so much fun to take pictures with. He always chases down and tackles a fan of the opposing team during

pregame. He commands the voices of 50,000-plus fans in the K-S-U Wildcats cheer. And, as you said, he looks great in those uniforms. What's not to love?

Q: Moose vs. grizzly bear ... who reigns supreme?

A: Good question. They are about the same size, weighing in at over 1,500 pounds with a height of over 7 feet. But I think it is safe to say that Willie would clobber them both. Therefore, the answer is: neither. Willie reigns supreme. Always.

Q: Who can tell me how to write a resume?

A: Well, almost anyone can give you resume writing advice, but that doesn't mean they will know what they are talking about.

But don't despair, there is hope for you yet! K-State has a building on campus dedicated to resume magic, mock interviews, the career fair and a plethora of other things to help you get into an awesome graduate school or the career of your dreams.

This building is Holtz Hall. The resume magic comes from none other than the office of Career and Employment Services and it is free to you as a student. The best part? These people are dedicated to helping you make your resume glorious.

CES offers options to build or critique a resume. You can contact a CES career adviser to learn about college-specific resume critique sessions. You can call CES (785-532-6506) to schedule an appointment for a resume critique. Or, for those of us who detest planning ahead, just stop by Holtz Hall for Walk-in Wednesdays. Drop by to have your

resume reviewed or to ask a quick question. No appointment necessary from noon to 4 p.m. on Wednesdays.

If that's not enough, CES has some pretty sweet web resources, which can be found at k-state.edu/ces/students.

Q: Should I loiter around Weber Hall or the Engineering Complex to find a husband?

A: Hmmmm. Good question. I suppose this depends on what you are after.

If you have your heart set on marrying a cowboy, Weber Hall would be a good place to start. Just be forewarned, he might love his pick-up truck as much as he loves you. The bright side? You can be sure he loves country music.

If you have your heart set on marrying an engineer, obviously, the Engineering Complex is your best bet. Just be forewarned, many engineering males struggle when communicating with females, and they typically have an odd sense of humor. The bright side? They will make bank after they graduate.

If you want a man who is both country boy and engineer, you are in luck. Since we're in the heart of Kansas, I can assure you there are plenty of country boys in the College of Engineering. This really is the best of both worlds. These men are extremely intelligent and have good ol' country values.

So dust off your cowboy boots, pick up your math homework and head to the Engineering Complex. Then you can play the "damsel in distress" card as you seek help on your homework. Good luck!

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Out of high school, Weibert played football at Butler Community College because, he said, he wasn't very good. Some people cautioned him against playing junior college football, but he said he knew he wanted to play Division I, so that was what he was going to do.

At Butler, Weibert learned to play offensive line at a collegiate level, and he practiced alongside 11 players who went to the Shrine Bowl in high school. It was his goal to play in that game, but it didn't happen. However, Butler provided the learning experience of comparing himself to other players in a program known for its discipline and attention to technique. The transition from high school to college had an off-the-field element as well.

"Coming out of high school, going to Butler, I was so excited. I was so naive — so naive to the world," Weibert said. "I come from a small town. I graduated with 59 people and never was exposed to partying, anything like that, not even really cussing."

At high school practices, no one ever heard a bad word, Weibert said. He remembers almost getting into it with a kid who swore, and Weibert didn't

like it.

"[I] go to Butler, and suddenly some of things just aren't quite as nice," Weibert said.

His sophomore year at Butler, it seemed everything went his way, and he signed on with the Wildcats. It was a humbling experience, he said, going from being a junior college All-American to a player who would be sitting on the bench every Saturday.

Now the starting center for K-State and a contender for several national awards, Weibert is a key component of the Wildcats' offensive line.

At the football media day before the start of the season, offensive line coach Charlie Dickey described what the team wants in linemen: they have to be smart, understand concepts and understand the offense. Dickey said they're looking for guys who will be accountable and do the little things.

When talking about quarterback Carson Coffman's struggles this season, Weibert — without saying a word about himself — made it clear that he is what Dickey wants in an offensive lineman.

"We've given up an absolutely awful amount of sacks to this point, and not only that, but hits," Weibert said. "When

you're Carson, there's no way you can't be a little bit rattled by that, knowing that he has to get rid of the ball or he's going to be hit here pretty quick. That comes back to us; that's our fault."

People don't get much more accountable than that. While Weibert does not rule out playing professional football, he has a cousin — oh yeah, that guy named Monty Beisel — who has been in the league for 10 years, so he recognizes what a big business it is and knows he can't necessarily plan for that.

"I can't treat going to the NFL as 'That's what I want to do,' because there's so many things that are out of your hands, so many variables, so many intangibles," Weibert said.

For now, he wants to finish his personal training certification and earn his degree in business administration. He is thinking about opening up a gym and someday a restaurant, he said.

As Weibert talks fondly of going home to recharge the batteries by spending time with his parents, grandparents, old friends and golden retriever Max, a pet he received for his 12th birthday, one might get the feeling he might just go on to do everything he sets out to do.

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for free, I will."

"I wouldn't be able to do it if I had to pay for it out of my own pocket," Dowell said.

John Fliter, associate professor of political science, supports the reform and the coverage it will extend to young adults.

"I think it's a good reform," Fliter said. "Most students rely on the campus health care system while they are here, and under old regulations, once they pass a certain age they are no longer on their parents' coverage."

"I think it's a good idea to extend the age because it could be tough getting a job right out of college. If you have a tough time finding employment or getting coverage, than this extension will benefit you."

Critics of the Affordable Care Act point out that government regulation of the insurance industry may be unfair, but if there was ever frustration on the part of health care companies, it dissipated as reform transformed into law and then into reality.

"I think the overall intent of reform is very good," said Mary Beth Chambers, manager for corporate communications at Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Kansas. "The country needs to find a way to increase access, make insurance more affordable and to make sure that Americans have the ability to take care of their health. I think the current law is a good start."

Government regulation of the insurance industry is not new, Chambers said, and although companies will have new rules to learn, there is little concern about making the transition to meeting the requirements of the new laws.

"Ultimately there are challenges when the government regulates an industry. There are more 'i's to dot and 't's to cross," Chambers said. "But working in an industry that is highly regulated always creates challenging opportunities, and we'll continue to meet new regulations."

"We are going into this period as a very strong, financially healthy company," Chambers said. "We feel like we are in a good place to enter this era of reform."

Along with the new age extension given to young adults, the following years will also bring mandates requiring most Americans to purchase health insurance or pay a fine, as well as rules forbidding insurance companies from placing a limit on how much they pay out to policyholders or from retracting an individual's coverage all together.

Whether individuals agree with the regulations or not, Fliter said that reforms in the health care industry were desperately needed.

"We are the only industrialized nation in the world without some kind of universal coverage," Fliter said. "A lot of criticism is that the reforms take away liberty, but where is the liberty in denying a family coverage because a child has a pre-existing condition? Where is the freedom in an individual that gets kicked off of a plan because they are costing an insurance company too much money?"

"Freedom and liberty are not just for companies, but for individuals also. That's why the reform, in my opinion, was a good law."

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